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Filed: February 8, 2001 Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXECUTION
OF TRADES MADE PURSUANT TO STOCK
OPTION AND PURCHASE PLANS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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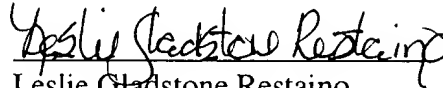
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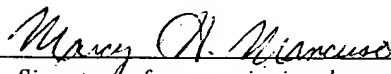
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